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Memorandum

To: Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS)
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From: Audrey Tayse Haynes, Secretary
Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Subject: Appointment of Joseph K. Bringardner as executive director of Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS)

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Joseph K. Bringardner appointed director of Kentucky's AmeriCorps programs

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes today announced the appointment of Joseph Bringardner as executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS).

KCCVS administers Kentucky's AmeriCorps national service programs. It is a statewide, bipartisan group comprised of 25 members, appointed by the Governor, with diverse service and volunteerism backgrounds. Bringardner replaces Eileen Cackowski, who retired on July 31 after 13 years of service. His appointment is effective today.

Bringardner, of Louisville, has spent the last 23 years working for the YMCA beginning as a district director with the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association. Most recently, he worked as the technical adviser for youth and teens at the YMCA of the USA in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Midway College.

"I am thrilled that someone with Joe's expertise and enthusiasm for public service has chosen to leave his YMCA family and lead Kentucky's AmeriCorps programs," said Sec. Haynes. "As a fellow Kentuckian and former Y employee myself, I have proudly watched Joe's accomplishments over the years. His enthusiasm for community volunteerism is unmatched. I am certain he will do a great job for our state and the people we serve."

During his more than two decades with the YMCA, Bringardner nurtured a 300 percent growth in the Youth in Government Social Entrepreneurism program, serving 6,000 students, educators and volunteers; and cultivated a 200 percent growth in the Model United Nations Global Educational program, serving nearly 4,000 students, educators and volunteers. He also led the innovation and expansion of a statewide Student YMCA Service Learning Club program, increasing membership from 1,500 to 6,000 through volunteer recruitment and development.

Bringardner also coached and mentored hundreds of young leaders in post graduate work, resulting in returning their talents to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and making long-lasting positive impact through volunteerism.

"I am honored for this opportunity to provide my leadership and dedication to volunteerism to the AmeriCorps programs and corps members who have dedicated themselves to serving Kentucky," Bringardner said.

Since AmeriCorps began in 1994, more than 8,500 Kentucky residents have served more than 8.4 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$28 million. During the 2011-12 program year, 411 AmeriCorps members provided 561,750 hours of service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its citizens.